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“Accept the Challenge” by Volunteering for the Army’s eCYBERMISSION Program

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.(September 1, 2004) - Recognizing the importance of science, math and technology for America’s youth, the Army launched the eCYBERMISSION competition in 2002. eCYBERMISSION is a free web-based competition for students in 6th through 9th grade that provides opportunities for students to be creative and get involved in their community. In its first year, 903 teams with over 3,200 students registered to compete in the national competition. Participation numbers almost doubled in the 2003-2004 competition year; 1,624 teams registered representing 5,854 students.

The Army is committed to raising interest in science, math and technology among students in all communities across our nation and in Department of Defense Education Activity Schools worldwide. With the third year of the competition fast approaching, eCYBERMISSION is looking for volunteers to help spread the word and encourage students of diverse backgrounds and proficiency levels to get involved in the competition.

Over the past two years, eCYBERMISSION volunteers have included hundreds of active duty and reserve military personnel and Department of Defense civilians with an active security clearance serving as Ambassadors and CyberGuides. Ambassadors promote the competition to their local schools and community groups and must be willing to contribute 15-20 hours a month between August and November. CyberGuides serve as on-line mentors and should have a science, math, or technology background with the ability to spend approximately 4 hours per week interacting with students on-line to provide guidance and support.

As a volunteer, you will represent the “Face of the Army” to your local educational community. Many volunteers have expressed how much they enjoyed serving as an eCYBERMISSION volunteer because it allows them to give back to America’s communities and the nation. If you are interested in working with the community to support our nation’s and Army’s commitment to education and the achievement of excellence in science, math and technology, please visit www.ecybermission.com to register as a volunteer today!

